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TITLE OF INVENTION: TECHNIQUE FOR ELIMINATION OF SILICON CLUSTERS DURING GATE STACK FORMATION
METHODS OF FORMING A GATE STACK THAT IS VOID OF SILICON CLUSTERS WITHIN
A METALLIC SILICIDE FILM THEREOF

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Sir:

Applicants submit herewith Part B - Fee(s) Transmittal for the above-captioned application and a check in the amount of \$1,345.00 in payment therefor plus five (5) copies of the patent when issued.

Also, enclosed is an Amendment Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.312(a) (32 pages), plus attached Replacement Sheet of Drawings and Annotated Sheet Showing Changes Made; Comments on Statement of Reasons for Allowance (2 pages); and Fee Addressee for Receipt of PTO Notices Relating to Maintenance Fees (2 pages).

Applicants understand that no additional fees are required. However, if the Office determines that any comparison fees or other additional fees are required, the Commissioner is authorized to charge any such fees to TraskBritt Deposit Account No. 20-1469. A copy of this Transmittal Letter is enclosed for deposit account charging purposes.

Respectfully submitted,



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COMMENTS ON STATEMENT OF REASONS FOR ALLOWANCE
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Sir:

In the Final Office Action mailed on April 8, 2003 (Paper No. 19), the Examiner indicates that “[c]laims 6,7 are allowable because prior art doesn’t describe depositing the dielectric cap over the metallic film is effected at a T sufficiently low to maintain the metallic silicide film in the non-annealed state or to preclude formation of silicon clusters in the metallic silicide film.”

The Examiner further indicates that “[c]laims 17-22 are allowed because prior art doesn't describe depositing the dielectric cap over the metallic film is effected at a T sufficiently low to maintain the metallic silicide film in the non-annealed state.”

Applicants concur with the reasons as stated by the Examiner insofar as they comprise a summary, and are exemplary and not limiting. However, claims 6 and 7, as presented in independent form in the amendment filed July 8, 2003, include other and different language than that specified by the Examiner. Further, independent claims 17 and 19 also include other and different language than that specified in the Final Office Action (Paper No. 19).

The allowed dependent claims (*i.e.*, claims 18 and 20 through 22) include other and further features and elements as well.

Additional reasons for the patentability of claims 6, 7 and 17 through 22 have previously been advanced by Applicants during prior prosecution.

Accordingly, the scope of the claims must be determined from the literal language of each as a whole, as well as equivalents thereof.

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